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City of Blue Lake Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Held Via Zoom- Minutes Taken by Amanda Mager

Meeting Called to Order: 6:31 P.M.

Council Attendance: Mayor Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem Ricca, Councilmember Daugherty, Councilmember Hogan

Council Absent: Councilmember Curran

Community Present: Brett Jones, David Groe, Jason Robo, Lin Glen, Olivia Obidah-Dunn, Shari Caldwell

Staff Present: Amanda Mager (City Manager/City Clerk), Garry Rees (City Planner)

1. **Quorum of the Council Established**
2. **Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Councilmembers Ricca/Daugherty-*The Motion Carried Unanimously*
3. **Public Input** – *The Public is invited to present petitions, make announcements, or provide other information to the City Council that is relevant to the scope of authority of the City of Blue Lake that is not on the Agenda. The Council may provide up to 15 minutes for this public input session. To assure that each individual presentation is heard, the Council may uniformly impose time limitations of 3 minutes to each individual presentation. The public will be given the opportunity to address items that are on the agenda at the time the Council takes up each specific agenda item*

Lin Glen-asked when the new councilmembers will be seated; Mayor Jones stated that the new Council will be seated after the election is certified in December. Lin Glen thanked Bobbi Ricca for her service to the community and the time that she's taken to serve the community; congratulations to Adelene, Summer and Olivia on the election.

Jason Robo: The agenda is not clickable, the Zoom meetings are not being recorded, posted posters around town to tell people how to vote; the posters were torn down; skeptical of government and thinks we can do better; applied for Public Safety Commission in the past and didn't get appointed and wasn't properly notified; concerned about the government and wants the government to do better in the future

Olivia Obidah-Dunn: Would like to discuss an issue regarding two minors in the community; the City Manager will talk about this separately, outside of the Council meeting.

4. **City of Blue Lake Fiscal Year 18-19 Audit Presentation:** Brett Jones presented the City's audit, including the various sections of the audit; the audit was late due to COVID impacts; the auditor's did not find any issues of concern; the City was issued an "unmodified opinion" for the FY 18-19 audit. *Motion to Accept the FY 18-18 Audit: Councilmember Ricca/Daugherty-Motion Carried Unanimously*
5. **Discussion/Direction Regarding PARSAC Merger with REMIF:** *Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Sign the PARSAC Merger Documents as Presented by PARSAC: Councilmembers Ricca/Hogan-Motion Carried Unanimously*
6. **Transit Agreement Authorization:** *Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Finalize the Transit Agreement Between the City of Blue Lake and the Blue Lake Rancheria and Execute Final Agreement Documents: Councilmembers Daugherty/Ricca-Motion Carried Unanimously*
7. **Local Roadway Safety Plan Funding Program Presentation and Authorization to Submit Funding Request:** Garry Rees: City staff is proposing to submit a funding request to Caltrans to address safety concerns on City roads; the scope of work includes data collection to determine where safety issues are in the City and to develop recommendations to address the identified issues; the City is currently conducting various studies to address issues relating to the industrial truck route; the LSRP is a required component to apply for construction funds in the future; the LSRP requires a match which can include in-kind match resources. *Motion to Authorize Submission of the Funding Request: Councilmembers Ricca/Daugherty-Motion Carried Unanimously*
8. **City Planner Update Regarding Opportunity Zone and Proposed Amendments Regarding Building Heights and Shading Requirements:** Garry Rees: Recommending adopting a clear height standard and requiring a shade analysis in the event that someone wants an exception to the development standards-Council directs staff to reference the solar protection act in the language; maximum height limit north of Taylor Way is 35 feet and 45 feet South of Taylor Way; bring back a revised version for the next meeting for final consideration.
9. **Discussion/Direction Regarding Amendment of the City's Municipal Code to Include a Residential High-Density Combining Zone:** Garry Rees: The State of California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) is requiring the City to establish principally permitted high density development zones as part of the City's housing element; a combining zone would allow the City to strategically up-zone a specific parcel(s) that can be principally permitted for high density development which will meet HCD's requirements. Staff proposes to finalize the language with HCD and then propose the amendment to the Planning Commission and the Council for recommendation/adoption-*Council directs staff to take the item to the Planning Commission for discussion and recommendation.*
10. **Discussion/Direction Regarding Amendment of the Municipal Code to Include City-Wide Noise Regulations:** Garry Rees: Proposed "Exception" process for noise standards that are due to special events, construction activities, special medical needs, etc...; Discussion regarding enforcement and penalties; *Council directs staff to bring back the noise standard for further consideration; Garry will consult the City Attorney regarding the penalty options and process.*

Public Comment: David Groe: Concerned with waiver process for events held in the park; specifically concerned with concerts, events at the skating rink, etc....the Parks and Recreation Commission has initiated a discussion to develop a policy for the usage of the park and the types of events that are appropriate; concerned that this waiver would supersede the policy being developed for the park.

Lin Glen: Arcata has enforcement language that may be appropriate for consideration

Jason Robo: Options to deal with community noise (i.e. noise cancelling headphones, taking a field trip during the event, etc...)

11. Consent Agenda:

*Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda as Presented: Councilmembers Ricca/Daugherty-
Motion Carried Unanimously*

- a. Minutes: October 27, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting
- b. Warrants and Disbursements: September 2020

12. Reports of Council and Staff:

- a. **Mayor Adelene Jones:** HCAOG Report: Interviews have been conducted for the Director position
- b. **Councilmember Summer Daugherty:** Nothing to Report
- c. **Mayor Pro Tem Bobbi Ricca:** Nothing to Report
- d. **Councilmember Elaine Hogan:** Jill Duffy is retiring and recruitment for the position will start soon; new regulations coming down from the State regarding organic waste and pressure treated wood.

13. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Humboldt County Sheriff Contract
- b. Opportunity Zone
- c. Utility User's Tax Discussion/Direction
- d. Noise Ordinance
- e. State Park Per Capita Allocation
- f. Annual Review for City Manager
- g. Council Liaison Positions

14. Motion to Adjourn: *Motion to Adjourn at 9:17 P.M.: Councilmembers Ricca/Daugherty-
Motion Carried Unanimously*